



MISSION TRIP TO ATHENS, GREECE

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JUNE 8 - 20, 2026

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

**\$1200
PER PERSON**

***DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE
AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

REGISTER BY JANUARY 12, 2026

**LIMITED SPACE: JUST 12 SPOTS!
DON'T WAIT — SECURE YOURS NOW.**



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INVITE YOU TO

MISSION TRIP TO ATHENS

**Be More Than a Tourist. Be a Pilgrim.
Get Ready to Be a MISSIONARY.**

This isn't just a trip—it's a journey of the heart.
Bring more than your luggage—bring your whole self. Bring your faith, your
compassion, and your willingness to serve.

Yes, we'll see amazing places—and we'll have fun!
But more importantly, we'll meet people, listen deeply, serve humbly, and
love boldly.

Come—and let Christ transform you through the journey!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hands-on service that makes an impact. Service locations will be selected in partnership with our trusted partner in Athens.
- Cultural exploration and exciting sightseeing
- Fun and authentic connection with each other
- Spiritual growth
- And intentional preparation through 4 pre-trip Zoom meetings

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Accommodation in the hotel or Airbnb in shared rooms
- Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner
- Transfer from and to the airport in Athens
- All itinerary activities and tours

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- **Airfare** - Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flight to Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport (ATH) in Athens, Greece. Please send us your flight details as soon as possible so that we can arrange your airport transfers to and from the mission site. Need help booking your flight? Just let us know—we're more than happy to assist!
- **Travel insurance** - Travel insurance is mandatory for all participants. Please purchase coverage and send us a confirmation of your policy once it's booked.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **A nonrefundable \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration**
- **Final payment due on March 31, 2026.**
- Make checks payable to **"METROPOLITAN ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH"** and mail to: METROPOLITAN ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH, The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 66 Riverview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214



DAILY ITINERARY

**THIS IS A VERY FLEXIBLE ITINERARY. ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE CHANGED IF NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.*

Day 1: Monday, June 8, 2026 **Departure from the USA**

Are you ready? Your journey begins! Today, you'll depart from your home airport and fly to Athens, Greece (ATH). Make sure to double-check your flight details and have your travel documents ready. If anything changes with your flight time, airline, or arrival details, please notify us as soon as possible so we can adjust your airport pickup accordingly.

Day 2: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 **Arrival in Athens, Greece**

Welcome to Greece! Upon arrival at Athens International Airport (ATH), you'll be greeted by our team and transferred to our accommodation. You will have time to rest, settle in, and start connecting with the group. Once everyone has arrived, we'll have a brief welcome session and orientation to kick off the journey.

Day 3: Wednesday, June 10, 2026 **Mission begins & Sacred Exploration**

We'll begin our day grounded in prayer, preparing our hearts for the work ahead. Then we'll spend some time serving and connecting with the local community—getting to know the people we've come to support. Later in the day, we will also have the opportunity to explore some of the beautiful Byzantine churches in Athens and experience the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of the city.

Day 4: Thursday, June 11, 2026 **Second day of service & Exploring Ancient Athens**

We'll continue our missionary work, deepening our connection with the local community through meaningful service. Later, we'll step into history as we visit the iconic Acropolis and Parthenon, walk the paths of Areopagus Hill—where the Apostle Paul once preached—and wander through the beautiful, winding streets of Athens, full of culture, life, and charm.

Day 5: Friday, June 12, 2026 **Deepening service & Time to regarge**

As always, we'll begin the day in prayer, grounding ourselves in God's presence before continuing our missionary service and deepening our connection with the local community. Our work will be followed by some free time to rest and recharge—with the option to visit the beach or enjoy other activities of your choice. Throughout the day, we'll continue to grow closer as a team—sharing stories, praying together, and strengthening the friendships being built on this journey.



Day 6: Saturday, June 13, 2026 **Exploring Meteora's Monasteries**

Today, we journey to the stunning region of Meteora for a one-day trip to explore its iconic monasteries perched atop towering rock formations. We'll visit several of these historic sites, learning about their spiritual heritage and the lives of the monks who have called them home. It will be a day of reflection, inspiration, and a deeper connection to enduring faith.

Day 7: Sunday, June 14, 2026 **Sacred Rest & Exploring Corinth and Loutraki**

On this Sunday, we'll embrace sacred rest, beginning the day by participating in the Divine Liturgy at The Holy Trinity Cathedral. Afterward, we'll set out to explore the historic sites of Corinth, a city deeply connected to the early Church and the recipient of St. Paul's famous letters, followed by a visit to the beautiful coastal town of Loutraki, where we'll enjoy its stunning scenery and rich culture.



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Day 8: Monday, June 15, 2026

Mission Continues & Listening to God in Beauty

We'll continue our missionary work, serving with open hands and hearts. Later, we'll visit the Byzantine and Christian Museum, stroll through the peaceful National Gardens, and take in the views from Philopappos Hill, a place of reflection overlooking the city. Throughout the day, we'll make space to listen to God, noticing His presence in the people we meet, the beauty we see, and the silence we embrace.

Day 9: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Serving, Resting & A View from the Top

We'll continue our missionary work in the first part of the day—our final day of service during this trip. The afternoon will be free for rest, reflection, or personal exploration. In the evening, we'll come together to visit Lykavittós Hill, where we'll enjoy stunning views over Athens and take time to reflect on the journey so far—grateful for how far we've come, for the lives we've touched, and open to what still lies ahead.

Day 10: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Aegina Island: Beauty, Peace & Pilgrimage

Today we'll take a day trip to the beautiful island of Aegina, known for its natural beauty and deep spiritual heritage. We'll visit the Monastery of St. Nectarios, one of Greece's most beloved pilgrimage sites, along with other sacred places on the island. As we walk, pray, and reflect, we'll also take time to thank God for all He has done—in us, through us, and among the people we've encountered during this mission trip. It will be a day of peace, gratitude, and spiritual renewal, surrounded by the beauty of creation and the faith of the saints.



Day 11: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Worship, Culture & Farewell Moments

We'll begin the day with a visit to the Byzantine Sisters, joining them for the Divine Liturgy at their monastery—a peaceful and prayerful way to near the end of our journey. Afterwards, we'll head to Monastiraki, one of Athens' most vibrant neighborhoods, where you'll have time for shopping and exploring. Later, we'll return to pack up and come together one last time for a meaningful farewell dinner, celebrating the friendships formed, the experiences shared, and the ways we've been transformed along the way.

Day 12: Friday, June 19, 2026

Departure from Athens, Greece

Today we'll say farewell to Athens as you prepare for your journey home. You'll be transferred to Athens International Airport (ATH) for your departure flight. May you leave transformed by Christ through this journey, carrying the experiences and connections with you as a lasting blessing. Safe travels!

Day 13: Saturday, June 20, 2026

Arrival home & Sharing Your Experience

Welcome home! As you settle back into daily life, take time to reflect on the journey and the ways Christ has transformed you. We encourage you to share your stories, insights, and new perspectives with your loved ones—at home, church, or wherever your heart leads. Your experience is a powerful testimony that can inspire and bless others.